

information is used to administer and to conduct and carry out the grading services requested by the respondents. If the information is not collected, the Agency would not be able to provide the voluntary grading service authorized and requested by Congress under the AMA, to provide the types of services requested by industry, to administer the program, to ensure properly grade-labeled products, to calculate the cost of the service, and to collect for the cost furnishing service as required by section 203(h) of the AMA.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 643.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Semi-annually; Monthly; Annually; Other.

Total Burden Hours: 5,602.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: List of Commodities by Firm Available for Exporting.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0031.

Summary of Collection: The AgExport Connections Office of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) facilitates trade contracts between U.S. exporters and foreign buyers seeking U.S. food and agricultural products. Authority for this program falls under 7 U.S.C. Part 1761. The U.S. Supplier List (USL) and Foreign Buyer List (FBL) services are designed to help U.S. firms make contact with export agents, trading companies, importers and foreign buyers and create an opportunity to sell their products in overseas markets. This service provides the U.S. firm an opportunity to have a data record providing basic information about the company and the products it exports put into a USDA maintained database. FAS will collect information using a combination of forms and telephone interviews.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information on contact names, mailing addresses, telephone, fax, email, and websites. The main purposes of the USL and FBL services is to foster trade contacts in an effort to facilitate greater export of U.S. agriculture food, forestry, and fishery products. The databases are used to recruit U.S. exporters, importers, and buyers to participate in market development activities sponsored by USDA. These databases must be updated periodically to maintain the integrity and usefulness to the trade community.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 29,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Semi-annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,730.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Department Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a Federally owned invention U.S. Patent No. 5,074,902 issued on December 24, 1991, entitled "Granular Products Containing Fungi Encapsulated in a Wheat Gluten Matrix for Biological Control of Weeds" is available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to United Agri Products, Inc., of Greeley, Colorado, an exclusive license to S.N. 07/560,791.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as United Agri Products, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-114-2]

AgrEvo USA Co.; Availability of Determination of Nonregulated Status for Canola Genetically Engineered for Male Sterility, Fertility Restoration, and Glufosinate Herbicide Tolerance

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our determination that certain canola transformation events developed by AgrEvo USA Company, which have been genetically engineered for male sterility, fertility restoration, and tolerance to the herbicide glufosinate, are no longer considered regulated articles under our regulations governing the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms. Our determination is based on our evaluation of data submitted by AgrEvo USA Company in its petition for a determination of nonregulated status and on our analysis of other scientific data. This notice also announces the availability of our written determination document and its associated environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The determination, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, and the petition may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are asked to call in advance of visiting at (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Susan Koehler, Biotechnology and Biological Analysis, PPQ, APHIS, Suite 5B05, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-4886. To obtain a copy of the determination or the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, contact Ms. Kay Peterson at